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working hard to make everyone happy ... she just wishes so many hadn't waited until the last minute.

#### **6P SPECIAL ED CONFERENCE DC VO**

Date: **08/09/07 18:46:08** duration :49 Richard Belcher

Special Education experts debated an important requirement of the "no child left behind" act today. The issue is whether special ed students must be held to the same testing standards as students without disabilities. Experts from Georgia and around the country joined the debate. Some contend holding special ed students to the same standards isn't fair and prevents some schools from making "adequate yearly progress" or AYP. One Georgia leader says it's good they're being counted. Nancy O'Hara: "There are a number of schools that because of students with disabilities haven't made AYP specifically for that subgroup and because of that we are paying attention, we're focusing more on that, that's not unique to GA we're seeing that across the country." O'Hara says since "No Child Left Behind" took effect, Georgia has seen a decrease in the performance gap between students with special needs and those without.

#### **6P HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS GA VO**

Date: **09/13/07 22:21:10** duration :20 John Pruitt

Rising freshmen in Georgia high schools should brace for more math and science classes. The State Board of Education approved new graduation requirements today. Students can no longer choose between an emphasis on college-prep or job skills. But officials say they will have more flexibility for electives. Critics say changes will lower Georgia's graduation rates. They take effect next year.

#### **5Pv TESTS TOO EASY? GA VO**

Date: **09/28/07 07:42:22** duration :18 Fred Blankenship

Are Georgia students getting off too easy when it comes to standardized tests? Some experts say yes. They cite the fact, Georgia students perform much better on the state's CRCT's than on national standardized tests. Education officials say that is like comparing apples to oranges, because the tests have different questions and scoring methods.

of different people – both my client for not paying them for the materials, and also homeowners and business owners who they've hired to do their move." Dalmac's president blames the non-payment on employee improprieties in its Woodstock, Georgia office. This morning, no one has been paid, and the liens remain!

#### **6P HOME LIENS ALPHARETTA INTRO**

Date: **07/18/07 18:26:39** duration :20 John Pruitt

More than thirty metro area homeowners, who used the same roofing construction company, now risk losing their homes! Liens have been placed on their homes for non payment. Many of the homeowners say they paid for the roofing job – in full. The Alpharetta homeowners say the Texas company they hired never paid subcontractors.

#### **11Pv HOME LIENS ALPHARETTA VO**

Date: **07/19/07 00:31:23** duration :37 Monica Pearson

Some metro-Atlanta homeowners may be forced to pay for roofing work a "second" time – to keep the roofs over their heads! The group of residents received certified letters, telling them liens have been placed on their homes. Roofing supply subcontractors took the action after a Texas company did not pay them for their material and work. But the homeowners say the Texas company demanded they pay 60% up front for the materials before the work was started. Dalmac's president mailed homeowners letters blaming the non-payment on employee improprieties in its Woodstock Georgia office. Still, no one has been paid, so the liens remain. The homeowners have hired an attorney.

#### **Clark Howard Mortgage Show**

#### **6P STUDENT WEAPON COBB INT**

Date: **09/04/07 19:01:39** duration :23 Jovita Moore

A Cobb County family vows to fight the school system after a Wheeler High senior was charged with a felony. Will Chandler was charged with carrying a weapon on school property after a "swiss army knife" was found in his car in the school's parking lot. Chandler's mother says her son forgot the utility knife was in the car-- and the serious charges will follow her son for the rest of his life.

#### **11v SCHOOL WEAPON COBB VO**

Some Georgians could be paying more for water under Georgia's new proposed water plan. Under the state water plan, utilities that don't have a good water conservation record must put certain practices in place. One involves a tiered billing structure. That means customers who use more water will pay a higher base rate, then those who use an average amount. The plan will be sent to the Georgia legislature.

#### **11v EMORY STUDENTS RETURN VO**

Date: **08/25/07 23:40:30** duration :29 John Pruitt

Emory University is serious about conservation. Tonight, it gave an inside look at its efforts to go green. First year students moving in to Turman Hall will notice it's a little different than others. It's one of the first "green dorms" in the state. School officials say environmental features include the use of recycled materials in the building; recycling containers on every floor and motion sensors on lights. The school built the building from materials bought within 500 miles of Atlanta to cut down on transportation costs.

#### **6P HEAT RECORD METRO VO**

Date: **08/24/07 19:00:51** duration :25 Jovita Moore

A sweltering summer is starting to take its toll ... local hospitals are treating more and more people for heat exhaustion. One thing making it hard to breathe is the air quality. We hit "code orange" smog levels again today, that's already the 29<sup>th</sup> time this year. We've had 13 "code red" days this summer. That's nearly double the number of code red days we had in 2006.

#### **5Pp TRASH CASH DEK PKG**

Date: **09/20/07 17:36:52** duration 1:15 Jeff Dore

This is the sound of money about to be burned. David Stuart of Waste Management oversses a goldmine of trash. The Live Oak landfill is a 250 foot tall mountain of everything Atlantans threw away for years ... churning out methane gas as it rots. See it burning off? David Stuart: "It's a waste of a great resource." So along comes Jim Jacoby, who built Atlantic Station and wondered ... Jacoby: "What do you do with your waste? So we kind of evolved my company from a real estate developer into getting into energy development." His company will work with waste management to turn that low-quality methane into high-quality natural gas and sell it to Atlanta Gas Light Company.. Mike Ellis, Jacoby Enegy: "That would actually power all the Marta busses in the city of Atlanta – about 420 of them every year." DeKalb County owns the property, so will get about a half million dollars a year. And the sound you hear about a year from now, as this gets into production, will be the sound of money being made.

## **11v DOT SENSORS ATL**

Date: **08/20/07 23:18:20** duration :25 Monica Pearson

New traffic sensors will be installed this week, but not without controversy. The sensors measure traffic flow and will cover 80 miles of Georgia 400, Highway 78, and I-675. They're being paid for with federal tax dollars. Critics complain the company only is giving the state department of transportation general information on travel data. More detailed information is available \*only\* to paid subscribers to traffic.com. A federal program paying for the sensors mandated traffic.com get the installation contract.

## **5Av TOLL LANE FIGHT**

Date: **08/30/07 07:34:23** duration :20 Fred Blankenship

This morning we're learning of some controversy surrounding a massive toll lane project. Lawyers representing the trucking industry have notified the state department of transportation they think the current plan is illegal. The plan includes a toll lane along I-75 and I-575 in Cobb and Cherokee Counties. Public comment on the issue is expected to take place in the coming months.

## **5Pv TOLL LANE CONTROVERSY COBB VO**

Date: **08/30/07 17:18:49** duration :18 John Pruitt

There's opposition to proposed toll lanes along I-75 and 575 in Cobb and Cherokee Counties. The Department of Transportation is considering plans to allow private companies to charge tolls for truck and HOV lanes. But some groups believe that plan is illegal. The DOT says public hearings will be held before any work is approved.

## **5P TRANSPORTATION PLAN ATL CFOB**

Date: **09/26/07 18:22:11** duration :37 Monica Pearson

Opening bottlenecks and easing congestion, despite an exploding population. That's the goal of a just-approved transportation plan. Today the Atlanta Regional Commission approved a \$67 billion dollar plan for the 10-county metro area. The so-called "Envision 6" includes a 25-year long-range plan, and short-term goals for the next six years. The plans call for expanded public transit services, and toll commuter lanes ... and miles of new interstate. "If we do nothing... 2.5 million people will come to the Atlanta area and the traffic will become simply impossible we'll achieve gridlock." The board also approved



**5Av MAYOR NEW CAR JONESBORO VO**

Date: **07/10/07 07:20:09** duration :35 Fred Blankenship

A mayor controversy is brewing in Jonesboro. The hot button issue at last night's city council was this Ford Expedition. Jonesboro Mayor Joy Day purchased it for city hall. However, some council members say it was purchased without their approval. "The council informally approved it ... which is on file at city hall." The city attorney says the law is clear. Expenditures must be budgeted and the mayor must get approval from the council before making large purchases, except in the case of an emergency.

**6P POLICE CHIEF DORAVILLE INTRO**

Date: **08/07/07 18:34:49** duration :18 Monica Pearson

Big controversy in Doraville, where the Police Chief has been fired. The mayor and two council members support him, but that wasn't enough to save his job. Chief John King says it's personal and for the time he spent serving with the National Guard in Iraq.

**6P POLICE CHIEF DORAVILLE LEAD**

Date: **08/21/07 18:14:15** duration :17 Jodie Fleisher

Most of the citizens we spoke with think this is small town politics at its worst. They believe it's a personal vendetta by three council members who want more control. Meanwhile, no one really knows whether the Chief is still the Chief ... given that the majority of their council voted him out.

**6P POLICE CHIEF DORAVILLE VO**

Date: **08/28/07 18:59:53** duration :23 Monica Pearson

State lawmakers will now take a look at the Police Chief controversy in Doraville. The Senate veterans and Military Affairs Committee will review the firing of Chief

Reaction this morning from the fired Doraville Police Chief who is on the job, at least for now. Chief John King says Council members fired him because of time missed from work while he served in Iraq. But King says that is illegal. King: "You do your duty, you make your country, your community proud, and when you come home you come back to work like you never left. That is actually the way the law is written." Yesterday, one of the three council members who voted to fire King spoke publicly for the first time. HE says the firing was because of job performance issues, and philosophical differences. The mayor has reinstated King, but there are questions about whether he has the legal power to do so.

**WSB-TV Local News of Public Interest:**                      **Community/Neighborhoods**

**12v CLUB HOURS DEK VO**

Date: **09/26/07 13:18:39**    duration :38                      Fred Blankenship

The bar closings in Buckhead may lead to a new controversy in DeKalb County. At least one commissioner is backing a push to move up "last call" in DeKalb. Commissioner Jeff Rader believes the bar crowd has moved from Buckhead to DeKalb. He wants bars to close at 2:00am instead of 4:00am. Rader: "Really nothing good happens after 2:00am when it comes to drinking and partying and we want to make sure that DeKalb isn't risking that." Vernon Jones: "To all of a sudden say we're gonna follow Atlanta, with no empirical data ... I think it's unfair and unfortunate." Bar owners and workers are also opposed to the change, saying it would directly hit their bottom line.

**5P GARBAGE NOISE ATL INTRO**

Date: **07/12/07 10:00:09**    duration :18                      Tom Jones

A garbage truck driver faces jail time today ... he says, for simply doing his job. Albert Prickett was ticketed for disorderly conduct and for violating Atlanta's noise ordinance. He says it happened as he emptied a dumpster early one morning on Piedmont Avenue in northeast Atlanta.

**5P HIGH RISES ROSWELL INTRO**

## **11v MANHOLE GUARDED ATL VO**

Date: **08/02/07 07:13:50** duration :39 Fred Blankenship

Some Atlanta homeowners are fed up over a sewage cleanup controversy. They say they are out tens of thousands of dollars because of the leak. The problem is on Walthall Court near Collier Road in northwest Atlanta. The city brought out equipment after untreated sewage leaked in the area. A pump is transferring the leaking waste into the sewer system. But a homeowner told us the leak has left his home a complete mess. Hal Gersch, homeowner: "Well in here we have sewage backup where the water has just come into several of the bedrooms in the house." The city says part of the delay is because the affected property is owned by the state D.O.T., a private owner and the city.

## **5P HOUSING ORDINANCE COBB INTRO**

Date: **07/25/07 18:16:27** duration :22 John Pruitt

There's controversy over a new Cobb County law limiting the number of adults who can live in one house. Last night, Cobb commissioners unanimously passed an ordinance saying no more than four adults can live in an average sized house. The debate is whether it will bring peace to neighborhoods, or if it unfairly targets immigrants.

## **11v MEMORIAL CONTROVERSY GWIN VO**

Date: **07/25/07 23:55:16** duration :37 John Pruitt

Tonight, a grieving Gwinnett County mother says she *\*will\** accept an offer by a local homeowners group to memorialize her son. As we reported Monday, Terrie Hall complained, residents of Hamilton Mill in Gwinnett County, wouldn't let her erect a proper memorial to her son. She says they removed the flowers and pictures she put at the site where Anthony Mashburn died in a car accident. Speed and alcohol played a role in the crash. "To reward somebody for breaking the law, drinking underage, putting others at harm is not what we want to have here." Today the homeowners association agreed to allow a small plaque at the crash site, and Hall agreed.

## **11v MANHOLE GUARDED ATL VO**

Date: **08/02/07 00:05:52** duration :40 Richard Belcher

Some Atlanta homeowners say they are out tens of thousands of dollars because of a sewage leak they say the city won't fix. The problem is on Walthall Court



owners alike – just to be fair. Hosack: “We felt like it was something that was time to do.”

#### **5P GRASS PATROL COBB LEAD**

Date: **07/27/07 17:14:09** 1:26

Diana Davis

The limit in Cobb has been twenty-one inches. In a week or two, you could be cited if your grass grows any longer than twelve inches. The sound of lawn mowers and weed whackers – music to the ears of homeowners like Earl Daniel and Von Williams. Each has had their fill of neighbors who cut the grass. “Maybe they’re not aware it looks that bad to a neighbor.” “It’s annoying.” Mrs. Williams’ yard is neat and tidy ... so are most of the homes on her cul de sac. But three, she says, have been growing like weeds. “This blue house right here was outrageous” She says owners have ignored complaints. Williams: “It’s been like that maybe two three months now. What I was going to do is just tell my kids, just go over there and cut it.” Both Mrs. Williams and Mr. Daniel are happy with Cobb Commissioner’s overgrown yard crack down. Daniel: “I’m happy the commission passed it. It will give them something to work with.” In unincorporated Cobb, grass that’s now allowed to grow to 21 inches will have to be cut to no more than 12 inches. That compares to 24 inches for Marietta and just eight inches for Powder Springs and Smyrna. If you don’t cut it, county crews will cite you. Attached to that written notice of violation is also an estimated cost to cut that grass. Costs that will be billed to violators. Yards need to be cut if you’re going to have a yard cut it!

#### **6Pp MEMORIAL CONTROVERSY PKG**

Date: **07/25/07 18:12:06** duration 1:23

Rachel Kim

More than one year after her son’s death, Terrie Hall wants to memorialize her 19-year-old son Anthony Mashburn at the site he was killed. Alcohol and speed played a role when Mashburn was killed as his car veered into this median located in the Hamilton Mill subdivision. But Hall says the homeowners association will not allow her to put up a memorial. She also believes the HOA has been removing the flowers and pictures. Joy Dinehart, Hamilton Mill resident: “The county, since the street is theirs, cleaned the streets off. We had nothing to do with that.” Residents in the Hamilton Mill subdivision say the homeowners association has tried to work with Hall. Dinehart: “The association and the HOA offered to have a plaque put at the bottom of the tree and she said she did not want that. She wanted a different type of memorial.” But Hall tells us today she never received an offer. Dinehart says residents empathize with Hall’s loss, but feel their subdivision is no place for a memorial. They feel it is a distraction to drivers. Paula Caplin, resident: “The residents that back up to this road sometimes live in fear because they hear these cars screeching down the roads and they’re fearful because they have gone off the roads before and to reward

A hearing is scheduled tomorrow for a garbage truck driver ticketed for making too much noise on the job! Albert Prickett was arrested after he emptied a trash dumpster on Piedmont Avenue. An Atlanta police officer gave him a ticket for violating the city's noise ordinance and disorderly conduct. Prickett says he was pepper-sprayed after asking the officer to call his supervisor. He says it's too dangerous to empty the dumpster during the day. Albert PRickett: "That's an early morning stop you have to get it early because you can't get it later on because of traffic." Police say they have been getting complaints about noise from the trucks.

### **11 WALMART MEETING GWIN**

Date: **07/25/07 23:53:55** duration :34 Monica Kaufman

Protesters filled the street in front of the Duluth City Hall tonight to protest building a WalMart Supercenter. The store would be built at Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and Chattahoochee Drive in Gwinnett County. Members and supporters of "Smart Growth Gwinnett" say their neighborhoods will be damaged if the city allows WalMart to build. Maline Santiago-Cook: ">>"We're against growth -- we're not against development. We're not against Wal-Mart ... we are not saying they are an evil corporation. We're saying it's too big of a project for this particular location." The council decided to put off any decision until August 22.

### **5P ABANDONED PROPERTIES S.FULTON INTRO**

Date: **09/25/07 18:25:59** duration :19 Jovita Moore

Neighborhood activists are calling on the city of Atlanta to do more about abandoned houses that have become magnets for crime. A group calling itself the "Dirty Truth Campaign" says there are nearly 1,300 vacant or abandoned buildings in neighborhoods near I-20 in south Atlanta, and area known as Mechanicsville.

### **5Av VERNON SEMBLER VO**

Date: **08/01/07 07:24:02** duration :35 Pam Martin

DeKalb County residents are promising to continue their fight against a controversial development. The Sembler Company has already purchased an apartment complex, and now wants to buy three old schools from DeKalb County. It wants to use the land to build a billion dollar "live-work-play" project along North Druid Hills east of I-85. It says the project will be a good thing for the

mistake." The zoning board did not vote tonight. WalMart says it has compiled with all city ordinances and should be allowed to build.

## **5Pp GRANT PARK WINDMILL PKG**

Date: **08/23/07 21:28:32** duration 1:25

Diana Davis

"It's ugly." And it's tall ... 45 feet of windmill in this Grant Park neighborhood. When is it going to be hooked up? Electricians were putting the finishing touches on Christine and Curt Mann's windmill. It's designed to save energy and cut power bills. Curt Mann: "If we're not using it, and the wind is blowing, then its spinning your meter backwards, so its giving us a credit on our power bill." So far, the tower has generated nothing but controversy. Gary Juster (neighbor): "To come in and destroy this historic fabric of the neighborhood by putting up a 50-foot tower when the entire block is opposed to it to me is just, again, just very pretentious and not very neighborly." The Manns say the windmill is just one part of their campaign to go green. Curt Mann: "Gray Water Management is down here to the left ... there's a tankless water heater and water recycling system in the basement ... solar skylights upstairs." Christine Mann: "During the day, you don't have to turn a light on." So far, it's not easy being green. The Manns insist the windmill isn't all that ugly. Curt Mann: "If you look at these power poles you have to geive me credit on a beauty contest. This is a lot more attractive than those power poles." Neighbor Gary Juster: "It's just - to me - a case of environmental bling." The turbine may be up but the neighbors still hope to take it down. They vow to fight on.

## **11 BIG DEVELOPMENT INTRO**

Date: **09/06/07 23:40:13** duration :25

John Pruitt

Some DeKalb County residents are expressing their opposition to a pair of developments they fear will destroy their quality of life. The huge projects would mean thousands of new apartments ... as well as offices and shops. One of the developments is set for I-85 at North Druid Hills Road. The other would go up at Briarcliff Road and North Druid Hills

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## **6P 60 YO ARREST BARROW TAG**

Date: **09/20/07 17:49:37** duration :16

Diana Davis

not make it retroactive. Supporters at the capitol are hoping and praying the state supreme court will uphold a Monroe County judge's decision to reduce Genarlow Wilson's crime to the current misdemeanor and release him. The state appealed that ruling, so Friday it will be up to the supreme court. "The young men made some terrible choices, yet I consider them to be adolescent mistakes. Again, we don't condone their activities, but to ruin their lives, we think is a loss for everyone." Robert Williams' son, Narada, was at the party with Genarlow Wilson and four other men. Narada Williams pleaded guilty and is the first of the Douglasville Six to get out of jail. His father says he finished his first year of college and is trying to move on with his life.

#### **6P SHERIFF FIGHT CLAY VO**

Date: **09/06/07 18:45:34** duration :21 John Pruitt

Lying, favoritism, and mistreatment of deputies ... just some of the accusations leveled at Clayton County Commission Chair Eldrin Bell by the sheriff. Sheriff Victor Hill made the claims in a recent letter to Bell. It said the Chairman shows favoritism for the police department, because of his disputes with Hill. Bell says he never read the letter, but passed it on to his attorney.

#### **5av TASER TRAINING VILLA RICA NATSVO**

Date: **07/27/07 07:19:36** duration :41 Pam Martin

The Villa Rica police department has embraced the use of tasers despite recent controversy over the weapons. It's part of the department's training. Officers not only learn how to shoot the tasers, but they also learn first-hand what it feels like to be shot by one. The police chief ordered officers to go through this training to prove the weapon is safe when used properly, among other reasons. "I think they get an appreciation of the pain does cause, it is short term but it does hurt and we don't want to keep using it and using it an abusing it" Critics believe tasers shouldn't be used until it is proven that the high voltage gun is \*not\* deadly.

#### **5Pv CHIEF HEARING DEK VO**

Date: **08/28/07 18:40:15** duration :19 John Pruitt

A state legislator is joining the controversy over Doraville Police Chief John King. State Senator John Douglas has scheduled a "fact finding" meeting for next week. He wants to get to the bottom of the firing, then rehiring, of King. A council member accused King of being a "part-time" police chief because he served 18 months in Iraq.

its players. But the NFL stepped in and told the team to wait ... until after its own investigation into the allegations. Team owner Arthur Blank finally faced the media this afternoon and answered questions about Michael Vick for nearly an hour. Vick was indicted last week on Federal dogfighting charges in Virginia, and has been ordered by the NFL to stay away from training camp. Tonight, football fans are reacting. Reaction is actually very mixed: some people say the Falcons and the NFL are being too harsh on Vick; others are calling for Vick to sit out the season. Blank says he's disappointed. The Falcons owner admits to being repulsed by the details in the dog fighting indictment, but says fans should hold judgment until after all the facts are in. He's counseled Vick to focus on the charges ... not on football. Everyone seems to have an opinion on Michael Vick. Some fans at the ESPN Zone in Buckhead think football went too far against someone who, at least so far, is still an innocent man. Arthur Blank says they cannot allow this indictment to have a negative effect on the team, and on its training camp which starts Thursday

#### **5P EUTHANASIA RULING COBB**

Date: **07/23/07 17:37:00** duration :18 John Pruitt

Animal welfare activists are trying to stop the way Cobb County euthanizes unwanted animals. Cobb County uses carbon monoxide. PETA, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals went to court to stop the practice. They contend state law mandates that Cobb use an injectible drug. A ruling in the case could come this week.

#### **12v DOGS ABANDONED GWIN VO**

Date: **08/05/07 11:53:56** duration :39 Carol Sbarge

Dozens of dogs inside one home has a Gwinnett County woman calling on police and animal officials to do something. Eileen Russell says she's fed up with the constant odors and barking from her neighbor's dogs. Russell lives in Duluth. Officers say 29 Saluki's and one cat are cooped up inside a nearly 1,300 square foot house. "If your dog is in the house for more than 12 hours a day in a cage and you're at home that's not treating an animal well." We were unable to reach the dog's owner, Susan Jones. Animal Control workers visited the home and cited her for animal odor and noise. They also noticed feces and urine inside.

#### **11p VICK PLEA ATL PKG**

Date: **08/14/07 23:01:31** duration 1:05 Eleanora Andrews

These 11 and 12 year olds playing for the Atlanta Colts youth football league just have a love and excitement for the game. They are phycially far removed from



They want stiffer laws against animal fighting to prevent our state from becoming a capital for animal neglecta and animal fighting. Sure, he's the most famous. But the Humane Society says Michael Vick is just one of 40,000 Americans who fight dogs – and gamble on those fights. Losing dogs are often executed, the winners (though often wounded) fight and fight again. Animal rights groups say they fear the activity is growing in popularity in Georgia, because laws are among the weakest. Those who fight dogs face five years but they say those caught \*attending\* dog fights or owning fighting dogs face no punishment at all. Police spokesman: "A lot of times when police raid a dog fight, someone's just gonna jump out of the pit and say 'they were there to watch' ... when in fact they brought a dog to fight." He says states with weaker laws attract the dog fighters. Spokesman: "They seek out the jurisdictions with the weakest penalties so those states become magnets for this type of crime." Congress is trying to intervene. This Ohio Congresswoman is pushing a new law making it a federal felony to attend or gamble on fights no matter what state you live in. Betty Sutton: "If there was nobody there gambling on this – and watching this – and paying money for what they see as some perverse entertainment, this wouldn't have a life of its own." Congress is set to debate the new law late this fall. They're no doubt capitalizing on the publicity of the Michael Vick case. Vick will be sentenced late this fall.

#### **5Av DOG CHAIN LAW FORSYTH**

Date: **09/26/07 07:04:16** duration :18 Carol Sbarge

Chaining dogs could soon be outlawed in Forsyth County. This week commissioners were presented with a draft change to revamp its animal control ordinance. It would require dogs to have a minimum of 150 feet of enclosed space for exercise. Animal rights activists have pressured Forsyth County Commissioners to outlaw chaining or tethering.

#### **6Pv VICK DOG ADVOCATES VA VO**

Date: **09/13/07 18:34:33** duration :27 Monica Pearson

Nearly a dozen animal rights groups are making a plea to a judge concerning Michael Vick's punishment for dog fighting. The advocates filed papers today. They want the federal judge to hand down the maximum sentence – nearly five years in prison. They also want Vick's Virginia property turned into a shelter for abused dogs and for him to pay \$10 million dollars to take care of the seized dogs and run the shelter. The judge is scheduled the sentence the suspended Falcons quarterback in December.

commissioners. All agree on one thing. Grady needs money, and lots of it, to stay open. John Eaves: "Friends, we got a crisis on our hands...this hospital is going to close by December 31<sup>st</sup> if nothing happens." The metro Chamber of Commerce wants Grady's current board to hand over control to a private, non-profit ... many at the summit saying who controls Grady doesn't matter as much where the money comes from. Vernon Jones: "The bottom line is that Grady's doors cannot remain open if it needs \$125 million dollars. You can bring Lee Iacocca in to run Grady and it would still close." There were repeated cries for state funding and for the involvement of the legislature. Connie Stokes: "I'm hoping at some point in the future, the General Assembly will have the wisdom to accept this as a state responsibility. The bottom line is that Grady needs money, and we need to sit at the table and say 'Fulton: you're going to give 20, State, are you going to give 20?' You give the sixty million dollars you took."

#### **11v GRADY CEO DENIAL VO**

Date: **09/09/07 00:32:42** duration :23 John Pruitt

Grady Hospital will not close its doors ... that's the word from its Chief Executive, Otis Story. He tells the AJC, even if the hospital can't fill its enormous financial shortfall ... Grady will simply scale back operations to a manageable level. That view is quite different than the hospital's board, which says the hospital could close by November 30. Grady is about \$70 million dollars in debt right now.

#### **5Pp GRADY REPORT ATL PKG**

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The task force of Chamber of Commerce members announced its final recommendations for fixing Grady Hospital. The most critical step – it says – is to restructure the hospital's management. Pete Correll, Task Force member: "getting a non-politically appointed, self-sustaining board is a critical first step." Detailed information on converting to a not-for-profit entity was spelled out. Every other major hospital in Georgia has already changed its status ... the recommendation is that Grady do the same to survive ... and do it now. All of the new potential funders say we want a different governance structure before we invest." Correll says this is not a white take-over of a predominately black institution. He says it's about green – Grady needs \$120 million dollars before year-end; and another \$250 million over the next two to three years for capital improvements. The task force recommends \$50 million in fundraising every year after. In order to get that kind of financial backing, the political connections have to end. Correll: "I believe we have two alternatives: restructure, or close. I find closure as totally unacceptable alternative as a citizen of Atlanta."

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